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Draft provisional agenda for the thirty-ninth session of the Committee

Note by the Secretariat

1. In pursuance of paragraph 2 (e) of Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/41 of 10 May 1979 and paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 34/50 of 23 November 1979, the Committee shall submit to the Council and to the Assembly for their review, the provisional agenda for its thirty-ninth session, together with the required documentation.

2. In its decision 1983/163 of 22 July 1983, the Economic and Social Council requested the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of intergovernmental and expert bodies, before decisions were adopted, any request for documentation that exceeded the ability of the Secretariat to prepare and process on time and within its approved resources and to draw the attention of intergovernmental bodies to areas where duplication of documentation was likely to occur and/or where opportunities for integrating or consolidating documents that dealt with related or similar themes might exist, with a view to rationalizing documentation.

3. Furthermore, in section B of its resolution 52/214 of 22 December 1997, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to direct all departments to include, where appropriate, the following elements in reports originating in the Secretariat: (a) a summary of the report; (b) consolidated conclusions, recommendations and other proposed actions; and (c) relevant background information. The General Assembly also decided that all documents submitted to legislative bodies for consideration and action should have conclusions and recommendations in bold print.

4. The draft provisional agenda, as set out below, for the thirty-ninth session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, prepared on the basis of existing legislative authority, will be completed at the end of the present session in the light of recommendations adopted by the Committee:

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1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.

3. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations.

   Documentation:

   Report of the Secretary-General on the review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations (General Assembly resolution 45/254 A, para. 17 and E/AC.51/1998/L.7, para. 4)

4. Programme questions:

   (a) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001;

   Documentation:

   Report of the Secretary-General on proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (in fascicle form)

   (b) Evaluation.

   Documentation:

   Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the in-depth evaluation of the Disarmament programme (A/52/16 para. 306)

   Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the in-depth evaluation of the Electoral assistance programme (A/52/16, para. 306)

   Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its thirty-sixth session on the evaluation of the Department of Public Information (A/51/16 (Part I))

   Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its thirty-sixth session on the evaluation of peacekeeping operations: termination phase (A/51/16 (Part I))

5. Coordination questions:

   (a) Report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination;

   Documentation:

   Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 1998

   (b) Implementation of the Special Initiative for the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s.

   Documentation:

   Progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Special Initiative for the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (E/AC.51/1998/L.7/Add.28, para. 23)

6. Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit.

7. Improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee for Programme and Coordination within the framework of its mandate (E/AC.51/1998/L.7/Add.30).

8. Provisional agenda for the fortieth session.

9. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its thirty-ninth session.